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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE ARGON CREDIT LLC,) Chapter 7 No. 2016-39654
Debtor.) Adv. Proc. No. 21-00048
) Hon. Deborah L. Thorne
LATONYA D. KITCHEN and) <u>Class Action</u>
KARENSA HUTCHENS,)
Plaintiffs,)
)
v.)
) JUDGMENT IN ADVERSARY
FUND RECOVERY SERVICES,) PROCEEDING
LLC,)
)
Defendants.)
) Hearing Date: 2-14-24, 10:45 am CT
) Department 682


Following entry of order striking the answer filed in this matter, and after presentation of evidence as set forth in Plaintiffs' motion, the Court now renders the following judgment.

1. Plaintiffs and the class members have consented to entry of a final judgment by this Court.
2. The Court finds that the Defendant Fund Recovery Services, LLC violated

California's Unfair Competition Law (Business and Professions Code § 17200 et. seq.) by collecting money from plaintiffs and other members of the certified class totaling \$3,409,387 as of April 15, 2022. That sum is awarded to plaintiffs and the class.

3. Prejudgment interest starting to accrue April 15, 2022 through February 14, 2024 is awarded to plaintiffs and the class in the amount of \$625,832.66.
4. Attorney's fees are awarded to plaintiffs and the class based upon the contracts signed by plaintiffs and each class member in the amount of \$141,870. The Court reserves the right to adjust the allocation of any sums recovered to provide for a "common fund" recovery of attorney's fees.
5. Costs are awarded to plaintiffs and the class in the amount of \$2,220.
6. The total judgment shall be in the amount of \$4,179,309.66 against Fund Recovery Service, LLC and in favor of plaintiffs and the class.
7. The Court orders Plaintiffs' counsel to notify the Court in the event of recovery of any sum of money on this judgment from defendant or any other party. The Court retains jurisdiction to allocate the distribution of any funds that might be recovered.

DATED: February 14, 2024

By: 

Honorable Deborah L. Thorne
Judge of the Bankruptcy Court